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REMARKS

Claims 1, 19, 20, 33, and 51 have been amended, and claim 18 has been canceled. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in paragraph [0042] of the published application. Claims 1-17 and 19-65 are presented for examination. As amended, the claims recite a fibrous material, wherein at least five weight percent of the fibrous material is capable of passing through a 4x4 mesh during a shake test. This feature links all the claims and distinguishes the claimed subject matter from U.S. Patent No. 5,468,575, which discloses a fibrous web (col. 2, lines 51-56) and not a material wherein at least five weight percent of the material is capable of passing through a 4x4 mesh during a shake test. Since the amended claims relate to a single inventive concept, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In the event the Examiner disagrees, and for the sole purpose of being responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 17, 2009, Applicants elect Group II, claims 33-65.

No fee is believed to be due. Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721, referencing Attorney Docket No. 2009018-0032.

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